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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PROBE CARRIER, APPARATUS FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME AND METHOD FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE

THEREFOR

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated February 2, 2009, the applicant(s) respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

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